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RAIDERS MURDER THREE ON RANCH

AUTO PARTY TELLS OF DASH
MADE NEAR COLUMBUS—MAN
AND TWO WOMEN SLAIN.

VILLA FORCED TO FIGHT

BANDIT CHIEF TRAPPED AFTER
DAYS OF DODGING—FIGHTS
WITH U. S. TROOPS.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Douglas, Ariz., March 25.—Three Americans, two women and one man, were killed near Gibson's line ranch on the New Mexico-Mexico boundary, eight miles west of Columbus, N. M., presumably by Mexicans, according to the story brought here by a party of five Douglas persons, who said they arrived on the scene shortly after the bodies had been removed by soldiers. A command of United States troops stationed at the Gibson ranch was said to have crossed the line in pursuit of the slayers.

Samuel Collins, automobile dealer, Mr. and Mrs. Russell T. Childers, Miss Lottie Milinowski and Edward Freeman, all of Douglas, were the automobilists who told of the alleged killing.

Mexico City.—Villa is surrounded and cannot possibly escape, says a message received by the minister of war from Gen. Luis Gutierrez. The message adds that Gen. Gutierrez's troops are spread out fan-shaped in front of Nampiqua and that the general has divided his forces into four companies, under Gen. Benjamin Garza, Gen. F. Cabasos, Col. Hernandez and Col. Cano, to form in Villa and his followers. The forces of Gen. Gutierrez have been for several hours in contact with the outposts of the Villistas.

San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—Gen. Pershing's report to General Funston that two columns of his expeditionary force were in the vicinity of Nampiqua, 120 miles southeast of Casas Grandes, and repeated reports from Mexican sources that Villa with a comparatively small force had been forced to a stand at El Oso, near there, caused officers here to wait for news of the result of a battle believed to be in progress. Mexican wires are cut between Casas Grandes and Madero. Gen. Gavira, Mexican commander at Juarez, advised Consul Beltran of the Mexican government here that he had been informed an American army officer with the forces near Nampiqua had notified Gen. Pershing they would attack Villa.

A dispatch from Douglas, Ariz., says Gen. P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, received a telegram, from Gen. Enriquez, military governor of Chihuahua, stating five columns of Carranza troops were closing in on Villa and his bandits near Nampiqua, and that, "with the aid of the Americans," it was believed Villa would not be able to escape. American troops near Nampiqua moved south and east from Casas Grandes over the trail that passes through Valle and Cruces. Valle, fifty-five miles from Casas Grandes, was selected by Gen. Pershing as a temporary base, he said in his report to Gen. Funston.

Gen. Pershing is meeting with some difficulty in provisioning his detachment, how more than 200 miles from the border. That was indicated by a statement in his report that unless he could use the Northwestern railroad for transportation he would need more auto trucks.

GERMANS SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSS

British Driving Kaiser's Troops From
Colony in Eastern Africa.

London, March 25.—The British expeditionary force campaigning against German East Africa is making further progress in its aggressive operations, according to an official statement. Gen. John Christian Smuts, in charge of the operations, has reported the occupation of Arusha and the driving of the Germans from their line along the Ruwiri river. Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the secretary of state for war, has telegraphed his congratulations to the commanding general.

Germans gain portion of French trench in Argonne forest, but are expelled by counter attack. Russians claim to have forced German lines near Widsy, between Vilna and Dvinsk, but Berlin reports attacks at this point were repulsed with heavy losses to the Russians. Italians capture Austrian positions in Cordevole valley. French steamer Sussex, with 416 on board, torpedoed in English channel.

Roosevelt Finds New Bird.

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt returned on the steamship Maturra from the West Indies, silent on politics and on the Mexican situation, but announcing the discovery in Trinidad of what was to him a new variety of bird in which he was much interested.

Named to Handle Uncle Sam's Mail.
Washington.—The President nominated Minnie Johnson postmaster at Cortez, Colo., and L. F. Allen postmaster at Littleton, Colo.

FOREIGN

Revolutionists fired on the steamship Tachun in the Yang-Tze-Kiang, near Feng-Tu-Hsien.

An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Premier Radonloff of Bulgaria is reported from Rome.

Sir Charles Wyndham, actor-manager, married Miss Mary Moore, leading lady in his company, at London.

Between March 1 and March 18 nineteen hostile ships of the entente allies, aggregating 40,000 tons, have been sunk.

"The whole destiny of the country depends on what happens in the near future," said Minister Lloyd-George in Parliament.

The Liberal National convention nominated for president and vice president respectively Alfredo Zayas and Carlos Mendieta.

Sinn Fein rioters fired on the police. Three of the police were wounded. The rioting occurred at Tullamore, Kings county, Ireland.

Government troops have routed a band of Villistas at Trinidad, killing eighteen men and capturing sixteen saddle horses. They pursued the bandits as far as Jimulco.

Henry P. Fletcher, new American ambassador to Mexico, sailed from Panama on the steamer Corriolo for New York on his way to Washington from his former post at Santiago, Chile.

Francisco Obregon, brother of the minister of war, was killed in an automobile accident in the town of Navajilla, state of Sonora, when an explosion destroyed the car in which he was riding. Obregon was for two years a prisoner of Villa.

Great Britain's annual income has increased by £500,000,000 since the beginning of the war, declared Sir George Paish, the financial authority, in a lecture on war finance before the Royal Statistical Society, and the total now has reached £3,000,000,000.

Mrs. Susanna Houghton, a British subject living at Chihuahua, who arrived at Juarez on a Mexican Central train, says that it had been reported throughout Chihuahua that Francisco Villa's object in attacking Columbus, N. M., was to avenge the death of Mexicans in the recent fire in the El Paso jail with a loss of twenty-five lives.

SPORTING NEWS

Governor Fielder signed the bill to legalize amateur boxing bouts in New Jersey.

Fred Burger, captain of the University of Denver basketball five of the season of 1915, was re-elected to the position for 1917 by the letter men of the squad.

Forest Duffy and Frank Bishop, well known Denver ball players, signed contracts to play with the Crested Butte, Colo., Club this season. The pair will report May 1.

The Hall anti-gambling bill, which, if passed by both Houses of the Legislature, will close every mile race track in Maryland, was passed to its third reading in the House of delegates at Annapolis.

Art Magill, the Southern welterweight champion, continued his winning streak when he disposed of Jess White at Memphis, Tenn., in the second round of a scheduled eight-round bout.

Jack Coffey, erstwhile manager of the Denver Grizzlies, and popular member of the Denver Club for five years, will manage the Worcester team in the New England league this season if a deal now pending does not fall through.

GENERAL

Losses in the Russian army, killed, wounded and missing, for one year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1915, were 2,542,639, according to Boris S. Schumacher, a Jewish newspaper correspondent who arrived in New York from Petrograd, via Copenhagen.

Sheriff Ruby Rivera of Rawlins, Wyo., departed for New York, in response to a letter from "Bob" Mel-drum, slayer of "Chick" Bowen, a cowboy at Baggs, Wyo., and for whom rewards aggregating \$1,000 are outstanding, that he is in that city and will surrender upon the arrival of the officer, who is an old-time acquaintance.

Of the troops on their way to the border, all but one battalion will be sent into Mexico, increasing Gen. Pershing's force by about 2,000 men. One battalion of the Twenty-fourth infantry—a negro regiment—which is at its full war strength and which recently returned from the Philippines, will be held at the border on patrol duty.

The Missouri Democratic state convention at St. Joseph, elected Senators William J. Stone and James A. Reed, Charles Clark of the House of Representatives; W. W. Graves of Butler, Dr. J. T. Johnston of St. Louis, W. H. Phelps of Carthage, S. M. Stephens of St. Louis, and James Cowgill of Kansas City as delegates at large to the national Democratic convention.

Enrico Visconti, an Italian subject, and one of the best known foreign ranchers in Mexico, was murdered by Mexican bandits on his ranch at Encinitas, Chih.

Mrs. Art Smith of Fort Wayne, Ind., wife of the famous aviator, will oppose his recently filed suit for divorce, according to reports current in San Francisco.

Within a few hours after his marriage at Deming, N. M., Howard P. Burns, private, troop C, Thirtieth cavalry, started south into Mexico, to join in the hunt for Francisco Villa.

COLORADO STATE NEWS

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DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

March 29-April 2.—Colorado Retail Merchants' Association's Food and Industrial Exposition at Denver.

April 12.—Democratic State Convention at Pueblo.

May 1.—First Congressional District Republican Convention at Colorado Springs.

April 26.—Annual Convention Western Colorado L. O. O. F. at Grand Junction.

May 2.—Republican State and Third Congressional District Convention at Pueblo.

May 15.—Democratic State Convention at Colorado Springs.

Aug. 2.—Democratic State Assembly at Denver.

Colorado City is to have a clean-up day.

More streets are to be paved at Fort Collins.

A Ranch of Cowboy Rangers will be organized at Pueblo.

A new K. P. lodge is to be instituted at Greeley in April.

Sales of seeds, both for farm and garden, are twice as large as last year, say Denver dealers.

Jewelry valued at \$1,000 was stolen from the home of C. F. Shollenberger of Denver.

Arvada citizens have raised \$2,000 for improving the road from Denver to Boulder.

The annual convention of Western Colorado Odd Fellows will be held at Grand Junction, April 26.

The Rio Grande drainage district expects soon to realize money on bonds, thus reducing the tax.

An appropriation of over \$100,000 has been made to improve the Rocky Ford beet sugar factory and farms.

Business interests in Salida are behind a movement to move the county seat of Chaffee county from Buena Vista to Salida.

A reduction in insurance rates of 8 per cent on business properties and 5 cents per 100 for residences is promised Sterling after next month.

The Commercial Club at Arvada has been reorganized and renamed the Arvada Community Club. Plans are pending for beautifying the town.

Tom Watson, of Fort Collins, pleaded guilty to murdering Walter Urley last fall, after the case had been called and the jury selected to try him.

Bolus Bolus, 9 years old, and Leon Schultz, 12, were killed in Littleton by the caving in of a large sand bank in which they were digging caves.

Rows of Columbia poplars, barberry hedges and clumps of low bushes are to form the landscape setting for Denver's new \$2,500,000 postoffice building.

Approximately \$100,000 will be spent by the county of El Paso on its roads this year, according to an announcement by the county commissioners at Colorado Springs.

Leslie E. Hubbard, state inheritance tax appraiser, reported the collection of an inheritance tax of \$1,398 from the estate of Charles F. Hendrie of Denver, who died Dec. 22, 1915.

Mrs. Orlando Ward, wife of a lieutenant in the Seventh cavalry, U. S. A., returned to the home of her parents in Denver to await return of the regiment from its pursuit of Villa.

Officers to arrange for Labor day ceremonies and picnic to be held Sept. 4 were elected by a joint committee of the Denver Building Trades Council and the Denver Trades and Labor Assembly.

Nearly 500 babies romped through the first of four baby shows in the Denver Auditorium in connection with the Colorado Food and Industrial exposition. As many mothers looked on in admiration.

Mrs. Samuel Hazlett and Mrs. E. J. Short have been credited as delegates from Denver to the eleventh annual convention of the Navy League of the United States, to be held in Washington, April 10 to 13.

The advisability of requesting that a special district judge be called to Denver to hear exclusively prosecutions under the prohibition law is being considered by the Colorado Anti-Saloon league.

Women and children stopped a prairie fire that was advancing on Tower, saving the town from destruction. The fire caught near First View, in Cheyenne county, and was driven across the plains forty miles to Tower by a fierce wind.

Indications of a revival in the sheep industry in Colorado, meaning an investment in 1916 of approximately \$5,000,000 by sheep owners, \$2,000,000 of which already has been expended for the proposed utilization of the 8,000,000 acres of grazing land available in the national forests of Colorado, a circumstance unprecedented in the district United States forestry service.

That Denver will, in all probability, have a \$3,000,000 packing plant added to its industries within a very short time was indicated by W. G. Anthony, Denver manager of the interests of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company of America, one of the largest packing companies in the United States.

The eighth annual Older Boys' Conference of Northern Colorado, conducted by the state executive committee of the Colorado Young Men's Christian Association, is to be held at Berthoud, April 14 to 16.

ARBOR AND BIRD DAYS

NAMED BY GOVERNOR McDONALD
IN PROCLAMATION.

Executive Designates March 31 for Planting Trees and April 14 for Protection of Birds.

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Santa Fe.—Governor William McDonald has issued the following proclamation:

"For several years the nation has been interested in the conservation of our natural resources and we have paid special attention to the planting and protection of trees. We have now discovered the necessity of preserving all song and insectivorous birds. It is said that if all the insect-eating birds were destroyed, this whole continent would in three years become uninhabitable by reason of the myriads of insects. We should bring back the birds to protect our grains, plants and trees. And, while we are impressed with the economic value of these things, we bear in mind also their esthetic value. The beauty of shade and forest trees and the sweetness of wild birds' songs please our senses and increase vastly our enjoyment in living.

"Special days for the consideration of these interests are necessary as in our rush of daily affairs there is little time to think carefully of many claims upon our attention. The days selected in New Mexico should be observed by schools and communities, not in idleness, but in practical measures to insure the ends we are seeking, and in such exercises as shall inculcate permanently in our minds the habits of thinking that shall lead to these ends. The actual planting of trees may be done on the days designated or at such other convenient times as may best conform to local climatic conditions.

"Therefore, under the Acts of the state legislature passed, 'to encourage the planting of forest trees for the benefit and adornment of public and private grounds, places and ways,' and to encourage the protection of birds, I, William C. McDonald, governor of the state of New Mexico, do hereby designate Friday, March 31st, and Friday, April 14, as Arbor and Bird Days."

Sheriff's Slayer Doomed to Die.

Santa Fe, N. M.—J. O. Starr is to be hanged and C. Schmidt will serve a life term in the penitentiary for the killing of Sheriff Dwight B. Stephens of Luna county, according to the sentence pronounced by Judge E. L. Medler at Las Cruces, after the conviction of the men by a jury. Francisco Acosta was found not guilty of participation in the killing. The three men were charged with killing Sheriff Stephens near Rincon, Feb. 29, while pursued by a posse, following their escape from the Luna county jail at Deming.

Farmers to Kill Grasshoppers.

Raton.—Farmers in all parts of Colfax county, who expect to destroy grasshopper eggs by discing, are being urged to begin the campaign against the pests immediately, as the eggs must be exposed to drying out, and freezing conditions for some time in order for the work to be effective. This work is in line with the pledges given by the farmers last year to cooperate in eradicating grasshoppers.

Pioneer Dies at Ripe Old Age.

Santa Fe.—Maj. Rufus J. Palen, for 44 years a resident of the territory and state, for 22 years president of the First National Bank and one of the leading citizens and business men of New Mexico, died of pneumonia at the age of 73. He had a distinguished military and business career.

Former Governor Thornton Dead.

Santa Fe.—William T. Thornton, governor of New Mexico from 1893 to 1897 and who also served in the territorial legislature and as mayor of Santa Fe, died here at the age of 73. He had been a resident of Santa Fe since 1877, his native state being Missouri. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

Falling Gun Kills Woman.

Socorro.—While assisting in doing the laundry work for the Socorro hospital at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Valenzuela, Mrs. Rosa Rivera, aged 20, was shot and instantly killed by the discharge of a revolver that fell from a sewing machine on which it had been lying.

Monument for Mexican Raid Hero.

Albuquerque.—A fund for a monument to José Perreyre, Carranzista consul at Columbus, has been started. Perreyre gave his life to save American women from the Villa raiders. More than \$100 was subscribed upon the announcement of the plan.

Good Seed Should Be Selected.

Raton.—V. L. Martineau, Colfax county agent, is warning the farmers in that county against the use of light seed oats. Proper care in the selection of seed is a big factor in successful farming.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Santa Fe.—A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District clerk's office by William F. Hubbard, a painter of Roswell. His assets are \$50.00; liabilities, \$680.25.

LATE MARKET QUOTATIONS

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DENVER MARKETS.

Cattle.
Steers, good to choice, 8.00@8.50
Steers, fair to good, 7.25@8.00
Steers, hay fed, 7.25@8.00
Heifers, prime, 7.00@7.50
Cows, good to choice, 6.50@7.20
Cows, fair to good, 5.75@6.50
Cows, common to fair, 5.00@5.75
Breeding heifers, 6.00@7.50
Veal calves, 9.00@11.00
Bulls, 5.00@6.50
Feeders and stockers, good to choice, 7.00@7.80
Feeders and stockers, fair to good, 6.25@7.00
Feeders and stockers, common to fair, 5.75@6.25

Hogs.

Good hogs, 9.20@9.50

Sheep.

Lambs, 9.75@10.75

Ewes, 7.00@7.50

Wethers, 7.50@8.25

Yearlings, 8.50@9.20

HAY AND GRAIN MARKET.

F. O. B. Denver, Carload Price.

Hay.

Buying Prices.

Colorado upland, per ton, \$12.50@13.00

Nebraska upland, per ton, 10.00@11.00

Second bottom Colorado and Nebraska, per ton, 10.00@10.50

Timothy, per ton, 16.00@16.50

Alfalfa, per ton, 9.00@10.00

South Park, choice, ton, 16.00@17.00

San Luis Valley, per ton, 12.00@13.00

Gunnison Valley, per ton, 14.00@15.00

Straw, per ton, 4.50

Grain.

Wheat, ch. mill, 100 lbs., buy- ing, 1.17

Rye, Colo., bulk, 100 lbs., buy- ing, 1.30

Idaho oats, bulk, buying, 1.50

Colorado oats, bulk, buying, 1.35

Corn chop, sack, selling, 1.35

Corn in sack, selling, 1.34

Iran, Colorado, per 100 lbs., sell- ing, 1.00

Flour.

Selling Prices.

Standard Colorado, net, \$2.79

Dressed Poultry.

Less 10 Per Cent Commission.

Turkeys, fancy dry picked, 20 @ 23

Turkeys, old toms, 19 @ 20

Turkey, choice, 12 @ 13

Hens, fancy, 17 @ 18

Springs, lb., 18 @ 21

Ducks, young, 15 @ 16

Geese, 14 @ 15

Roosters, 7 @ 8

Live Poultry.

The following prices on live poultry are net F. O. B. Denver:

Springs, lb., 18 @ 19

Hens, small, 16 @ 17

Hens, large, 19 @ 20

Roosters, 7 @ 8

Turkeys, to lbs. or over, 17 @ 18

Duck, young, 14 @ 15

Geese, 12 @ 13

Eggs.

Eggs, graded, No. 1 net, F. O. B. Denver, 19

Eggs, graded, No. 2 net, F. O. B. Denver, 13

Eggs, case count, new cases, less commission, 5.50

Eggs, case count, misc. cases, less commission, 5.40

Butter.

Creameries, ex. Colo., lb., 35 @ 36

Creameries, ex. East, lb., 35 @ 36

Creameries, 2d grade, lb., 30

Process, 26 @ 28

Packing stock, 22

Fruit.

Apples, Colo., fancy box, 1.25@2.00

Apples, Colo., choice box, .60@1.25

Vegetables.

Cauliflower, lb., 10@12 1/2

Pascal celery, 4@5 .50

Cabbage, cwt., 5.00@7.50

Onions, cwt., 1.25@2.00

Onions, table, doz., 15@17 1/2

Potatoes, 1.50@2.00

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

Metal Market Prices.

Spelter, St. Louis, \$15.69.

Copper, casting, \$26.12 1/2.

Lead, New York, \$7.87.

Bar silver, 59 3/4c.

Cotton Market.

New York.—Cotton—May, 11.88;

July, 12.03; October, 12.14; December, 12.28; January, 12.32. Middling up-

lands, 12.00.

Chicago Butter and Egg Prices.

Chicago.—Butter—Creamery, 31 @ 36 1/2c.

Eggs—Firsts, 19 1/2c; ordinary firsts, 18 1/2c; at mark, cases included, 18 1/2 @ 19 1/2c.

Potatoes—Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Dakota white, 8 1/2 @ 9 1/2c; Minnesota and Dakota Ohio, 8 1/2 @ 9 1/2c.

Kansas City Produce.

Kansas City, Mo.—Butter—Cream-

ery, 35c; firsts, 33c; seconds, 31c; packing, 21c.

Eggs—Firsts, 20c.